

## **REMARKS**

Claims 38-54 are pending. Claims 1-33 and 55-57 have been canceled. Claims 38, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 49 have been amended into independent form. Claim 54 has been amended to delete the reference numeral from the claim. No new matter has been added.

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was included with the prior response, but that no PTO-1449 form accompanied the IDS. It is not clear which IDS is being referred to. Applicant submitted one IDS concurrently with the filing of the present application. That IDS included a PTO-1449 form that was initialed by the Examiner and returned with the Office Action dated April 6, 2004. (Copy attached.) No other prior art was submitted by the Applicant. The other prior art of record was noted on PTO-892 forms provided with the various office actions in this application.

It may be that the Examiner is referring to the prior art listed at the bottom of page 8 of Applicant's response filed on March 23, 2006. However, those prior art references are already of record. Applicant was merely distinguishing the claims over those references.

Thus, all the prior art appears to have been formally entered in this application. If there is a specific IDS the Examiner is referring to please contact the undersigned so that the issue can be addressed prior to allowance.

### **Allowability of Claims**

Claims 33-37 and 55-57 were rejected in the prior Office Action. These claims have now been canceled from this application. There are no other formal rejections pending.

Claims 38-54 were indicated in the prior Office Action as being allowable if amended in independent form including all limitations of the base and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability. Accordingly, claims 38, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 49 have each been amended into independent form and each now includes the elements of claim 33 from which they each previously directly depended. Claims 39-42 depend from claim 38. Claim 45 depends from claim 44. Claim 48 depends from claim 47. Claims 50-54 depend from claim 49.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance.

**Correction Filing Receipt**

A request for a corrected filing receipt was filed by the Applicant on June 28, 2006. It was noted that the priority data has not been entered in this case. This application is a 371 national stage filing from eh PCT application. Hence, the priority data, which was correctly entered in the International Stage should have been formally entered into this application.

If the Examiner believes, however, that direct communication would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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RDS ↓	AA	5,720,775	2/24/98	Larnard			
	AB	5,921,924	7/13/99	Avitall			
	AC	5,865,801	2/2/99	Houser			
	AD	5,247,136	9/21/93	Mitsuyasu et al			
	AE	5,364,357	11/15/94	Aase			
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